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FOLLOWING REPEAT HAVANA 0821 ACTION STATE INFO ADDIS ABABA
MOSCOW MAR 30.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 0821

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TAGS: PINR MOPS ET UR AO CU

SUBJ: RUMORED AFRICAN POLICY MEETING IN MOSCOW

1. USUALLY WELL-INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCE INFORMED
USINT MARCH 30 THAT CUBAN FONMIN MALMIERCA, ETHIOPIAN PRESIDENT
MENGISTU AND ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO ARE NOW IN MOSCOW.
SUPPOSITION WAS THAT MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS ARE BEING TAKEN
ON THE HORN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. SOURCE WENT ON TO SPECULATE
THAT CUBA WANTS TO AVOID MAJOR NEW MILITARY COMMITMENT IN EIRITREA.

2. MALMIERCA'S CURRENT AFRICAN ODYSSEY HAS DROPPED FROM
SIGHT IN CUBAN MEDIA, SO UNPUBLICIZED MOSCOW VISIT NOW IS
ENTIRELY POSSIBLE. WE RATHER QUESTION, HOWEVER, THAT
MALMIERCA IS SUFFICIENT HEAVYWEIGHT IN CUBAN POLICY HIERARCHY
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TO MAKE FINAL COMMITMENTS FOR CASTRO AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE.
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